

House Resolution No. 2893

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Kelley Smith, an esteemed resident of Independence, Missouri, who will officially retire from the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District on July 1, 2003, after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible twenty-nine years; and

Whereas, Kelley Smith has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters as a teacher at Raymore-Peculiar High School for twenty-three years, and as head of the Social Studies Department for two decades, prior to which time he taught at Ruskin High School for one year and at Raytown South Junior High School for five years; and

Whereas, during his impressive teaching career, Kelley Smith has taught a wide variety of subjects that include World History, American History, American Government, Psychology, Anthropology, and Civics; and

Whereas, an Adjunct Professor of History at the University of Missouri-Kansas City for ten years, Kelley Smith provided tremendous leadership to the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District as an Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for nineteen years and as Varsity Volleyball Coach for nineteen years, winning the Conference Championship in 2002; and

Whereas, the proud recipient of many awards and honors, including the 1990 University of Missouri Most Influential Teacher award and "Master Teacher" status in 1992, Kelley Smith is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri State Teachers Association, Missouri National Education Association, the American Historical Society, and the Organization of American Historians; and

Whereas, a graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City where he earned his Master's degree in History, Kelley Smith looks forward to his much-deserved retirement so that he can pursue his favorite hobbies of reading, playing volleyball, collecting "Star Wars" memorabilia, and spending more quality time in the company of his wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Connie, and his three sons, Steven, Christopher, and Jeffrey:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Kelley Smith for his twenty-nine years of unparalleled service to the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District and to the education of Missouri's youngest citizens, and in wishing him the long, rewarding, and enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Kelley Smith.

Offered by _____
Representative Rex Rector
District No. 124

Representative Curt Dougherty
District No. 53

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2893, adopted May 14, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker